



ARCTIC FORUM

A FOCUS ON THE EASTERN ARCTIC AND NORTHERN NORWAY

St. John's and Fogo Island
Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

October 28th-30th, 2015

THE INAUGURAL ARCTIC FORUM: A VIEW OF THE EASTERN ARCTIC AND NORTHERN NORWAY

The Arctic Forum will focus on the “Eastern Arctic” (Nunavut and Newfoundland and Labrador) and Northern Norway (Finnmark, Troms and Nordland counties). Both regions contain fragile environments; include offshore oil & gas, mineral and fish resources; share similar values as regards resource exploitation; have indigenous peoples and other northerners living in harsh environments; are global models of governance; and are gateways for multinational corporations wishing to exploit the resources of the North.

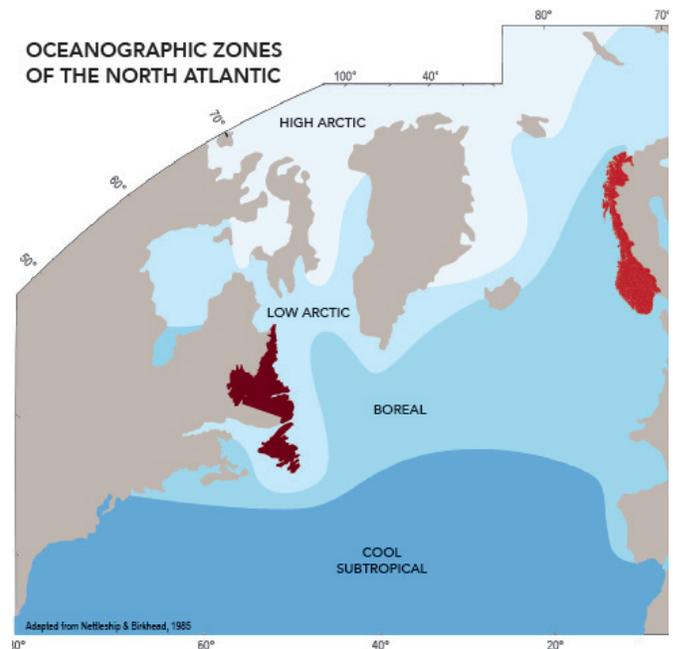
And yet both have much to learn from each other. For its part, Norway has been extracting mineral resources from the North for centuries and has evolved and adapted innovations in transportation, technology and resource use conflicts. For its part, Canada has led the way in industrial benefits agreements and telecommunications. And both regions have much to learn from global leaders from elsewhere who have studied the Far North and the Arctic.

The Arctic Forum is a unique opportunity for informed, candid and creative discussions of the many issues facing governments, corporations, Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, researchers and opinion leaders. It will provide ample opportunities for participants to learn from each other in an informal setting and to network with a view to forging working partnerships.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Arctic Forum will bring together a small group of influential thinkers, leaders and practitioners interested in the Arctic and the Far North. The group will be limited to 30-40 people in order to enhance the opportunity for learning, interaction and networking.

Participation is by invitation only; however, alternates may be accepted at the discretion of the organizers. The Forum will be of interest to elected officials at the national and provincial/state/county levels of



The Forum will alternate annually between Newfoundland and Labrador and Northern Norway.

government, Aboriginal and Indigenous leaders, senior leaders of multinational corporations interested in operating in the North, thinkers and researchers at universities and think-tanks, and non-governmental organizations dealing with equitable development, the environment and related areas.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

The Arctic is one of the largest remaining largely-unexplored regions on Earth. Global warming is now bringing hither-to inaccessible resources within human reach. Vast tracts of the Arctic Ocean that were covered in year-long ice just a few years ago are now ice-free for long periods of the year, if not year-round. One major consequence of these biophysical changes is a heightened interest in the Arctic on the part of global actors motivated by economic opportunities involving commercial shipping, oil and gas development, mining, fishing, and tourism.

The region is home to numerous Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples, who have developed social practices allowing them to use renewable marine and terrestrial resources in a sustainable manner. It is also the home to other permanent Northern residents, long-standing descendants of European origin and more recent immigrants from the South. These exist-

ing populations know the region better than anyone and have much to contribute to its further development. As well, they have expectations regarding the pace and nature of developments, and the impacts of these developments on their livelihoods, as well as on their cultural and natural heritage.

The growing presence of humanity in the North poses challenges dealing with transportation, communications, pollution, health and safety, search and rescue, governance, land rights, resource sharing, housing, etc. While thinkers and practitioners have begun to grapple with all of these issues (as well as many others), we are only now beginning to understand the immensity of the challenges related to the "opening" of the North, recognizing that these areas are not simply untapped resources but are home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial.

THE HOSTS

The Arctic Forum is jointly hosted by **Dr. Gary Kachanoski**, President and Vice-Chancellor of Memorial University, and **Dr. Anne Husebekk**, Rector of the University of Tromsø The Arctic University of Norway.

The Forum is organized by a Program Committee composed of senior representatives of academia and industry:

FROM CANADA

- **Udloriak Hanson**, Chief Operating Officer, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the organization that represents Inuit under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.
- **Dr. Peter Harrison**, Professor Emeritus, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University (Chair)
- **Jim Keating**, Vice-President (Oil & Gas), Nalcor Energy, the publicly-owned energy corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador
- **Mark Shrimpton**, Principal at Stantec Consulting Ltd., a firm that offers advice on planning, engineering, architecture, and project management
- **Gordon Slade**, Chairman of the Board, Shorefast Foundation (Fogo Island)

FROM NORWAY

- **Else Grete Broderstad**, Academic Director of the Centre for Sami Studies, University of Tromsø The Arctic University of Norway
- **Salve Dahle**, Director of Akvaplan-niva, a research and consultancy company with head office and laboratories in Tromsø
- **Øystein Rushfeldt Rushfeldt**, CEO of Nussir ASA, a publicly-trade mining company in Finnmark

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- **Mike Clair**, Harris Centre, Memorial University (Conference Coordinator)
- **Geir Gotaas**, University of Tromsø the Arctic University of Norway

THEMES OF THE INAUGURAL FORUM

THEME 1: Social licence to operate in the North:

The availability of natural resources due to the melting of the permanent ice cap is attracting the attention of multinational corporations and other private sector interests, the only entities with the financial and technological capabilities to extract resources in remote and harsh environments. These corporations will require the approval of national, provincial/state and local authorities in order to extract the resources, and will need to focus on the interface between indigenous rights and industrial development in the North. It will be important for corporate leaders to understand the lived experience and the expectations of Northern populations (e.g., Indigenous rights, land use conflicts) in order to be able to understand the background and concerns of those living of the land. And it will be essential for Northern and industry leaders to understand each other's expectations in order to negotiate mutually-beneficial agreements. For example, what are the prospects of indigenous and local partnership opportunities in resource development?

THEME 2: Preparedness to undertake responsible resource development in the Arctic:

Responsible and sustainable resource development in the Arctic will require significant planning to ensure the health and safety of Northern communities. This planning must include the ability to identify potential hazards and the capacity to respond to emergencies should they arise. Are we ready? And if not, how do we get ready? What community infrastructure and other emergency assets currently exist within northern communities? What additional resources will be needed to address potential crises such as oil spills or search and rescue emergencies? What will be the role of governments and other organizations in ensuring community safety and how will these roles and responsibilities be coordinated? What are Northern Norway and Newfoundland and Labrador already doing in this area and what can each region learn from the other?

***In addition to these two themes, the participants at the forum will spend some time developing the agenda for future forums.**

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Dr. Robert Corell is an American global climate scientist, Principal for the Global Environment Technology Foundation, an Ambassador for ClimateWorks, Professor at the University of the Arctic's new Institute of Circumpolar Reindeer Husbandry and a Professor at the University of Tromsø. He is a Partner of the Sustainability Institute and Head of US Office for the Global Energy Assessment. He co-chairs an international strategic planning group that is developing a strategy designed to harness science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development; serves as the Chair of the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment; counsels as Senior Science Advisor to ManyOne.Net; and is Chair of the Board of the Digital Universe Foundation.

Dr. Peter Harrison is Professor Emeritus in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University (Canada). He spent nearly thirty years as a senior official in various Departments and Agencies of the Government of Canada, including the Department of Finance, the Privy Council Office, and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He served as Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), and chaired the International Polar Year (IPY) Conference "From Knowledge to Action" in Montreal in April 2012.



Additional keynotes to be announced.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

In transit

St. John's

Fogo Island

TIME OF DAY	WEDNESDAY OCT. 28	THURSDAY OCT. 29	FRIDAY OCT. 30	SATURDAY OCT. 31
Breakfast	Arrival in St. John's Registration	Breakfast on your own	Breakfast on your own	Breakfast on your own
Morning	Throughout the day: greeting, registration, networking and settling in at the hotel	Depart for Fogo Island at approx. 8am Travel by Motorcoach and ferry	Discussion Theme 1: Social License to Operate	Return to St. John's by motorcoach; ferry departs Fogo Island at 9:15 am
Lunch	Lunch on your own	Lunch along the way	Lunch and tour of Fogo Island	Lunch along the way
Afternoon	Welcome and Introductions <i>Dr. Peter Harrison</i> Review of the agenda Setting agenda for future forums	Ferry departs Farewell at 2:45 pm (via Change Islands)	Discussion Theme 2: <i>Dr. Robert Corell</i> Preparedness to undertake responsible resource development in the Arctic	Arrival in St. John's approx 3pm
Supper	Supper hosted by Memorial University	Guest speaker: Zita Cobb, President of the Shorefast Foundation	Guest Speaker	
Evening	Relaxation	Relaxation	Relaxation	Overnight stay at hotel and/or return flight home

*The schedule acknowledges the 3½-hour time difference between Newfoundland and Norway. Europe changes to Standard Time overnight from October 31st to November 1st, creating a 4½-hour time difference.

THE VENUES

The Forum will take place on the St. John's Campus of Memorial University and at the world-renowned Fogo Island Inn on Fogo Island.

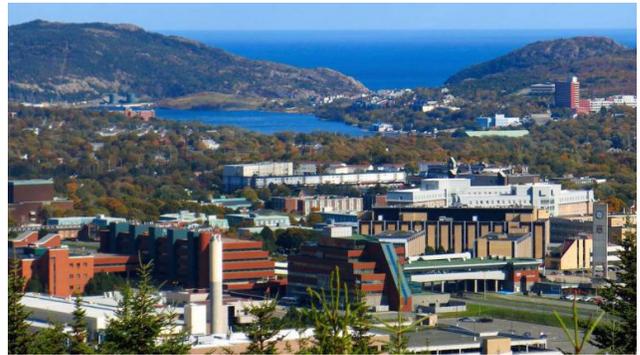
A luxury motorcoach will take participants from St. John's to Fogo Island on October 29th and return them to St. John's on October 31st. The estimated travel time (including the ferry ride to and from Fogo Island) is 7 hours each way, providing a unique opportunity to network with the other participants.



FOGO ISLAND INN

GETTING HERE

- From Europe: There are direct flights from London (Heathrow) to St. John's on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. On other days, the easiest connections are from London (Heathrow), with a stop-over in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- From North America: There are several direct flights from Toronto, Newark (NJ), Boston and Halifax.



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COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS

Participants will be expected to cover their travel costs from their home city to St. John's and return, including any meals and hotel nights en route.

Thanks to the generosity of our government and corporate sponsors, the costs to participants have been kept to a minimum:

- Two nights' accommodations at the Fogo Island Inn: C\$700 + 13% tax (C\$791)
- One meal on the way to Fogo Island and one on the return trip: approximately C\$40.

The normal room rate at the Fogo Island Inn ranges from \$1,300 to \$5,000 per night. The Forum gratefully acknowledges the support of the Inn, the Shorefast Foundation and the other sponsors that have made it possible to make all rooms available at \$350 per night.

All meals and nutrition breaks during the forum, meeting rooms, materials, tours, and ground transportation are being provided free of charge to participants thanks to the generous contributions of our sponsors.

TO REGISTER

This invitation is non-transferable, however, if you are not able to join us, we welcome suggestions as to whom you feel might be able to contribute to the discussions at the Forum.

To register your participation, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Conference Coordinator, Mr. Mike Clair, Associate Director (Public Policy) at the Harris Centre, Memorial University, at mclair@mun.ca or +1.709.864.7963.



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